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Claim 6. (Amended) A method of producing a coated powder wherein a core powder is coated with at least first and second coating layers, said coated powder permitting nearly 100% total light transmission, the core powder having a refractive index of 1.3 to 1.8, the first coating layer of a material having a refractive index of 1.9 to 3.1, the second coating layer of a material having a refractive index of 1.3 to 1.8, said method comprising the steps of:

designing composition of the coated powder by determining a quantity of the first coating layer and a quantity of the second coating layer based on a correlation between the degree of linear transmission and the quantity of each layer, wherein the quantity of the second coating layer is 1 to 30 % by weight based on the total amount of the coated powder, to impart a predetermined degree of linear light transmission;

forming the first coating layer in the determined quantity on the core powder; and

forming the second coating layer in the determined quantity on the first coating layer formed on the core powder.

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Claim 7. (Twice Amended) A method of applying natural coloring on a surface by using a coated powder, comprising the steps of:

designing composition of the coated powder wherein a core powder is coated with at least first and second coating layers, by determining a quantity of the first coating layer and a quantity of the second coating layer based on a correlation between the degree of linear transmission and the quantity of each layer, wherein the quantity of the second coating layer is 1 to 30% by weight based on the total amount of the coated powder, to impart a predetermined degree of linear light transmission, said coated powder permitting nearly 100% total light transmission, the core powder having a refractive index of 1.3 to 1.8, the first coating layer of a material having a refractive index of 1.9 to 3.1, the second coating layer of a material having a refractive index of 1.3 to 1.8; and

applying the coated powder on the surface.
